



Mishawaka Communicator



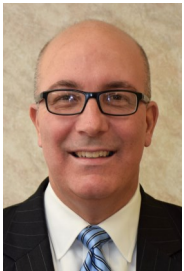
Working together to build the "Best Hometown in America" by delivering exceptional services, promoting safe and clean neighborhoods, elevating the quality of life and inspiring pride in our community.

Dave Wood, Mayor

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A Letter from Mayor Dave Wood



Summer in the City of Mishawaka (Part 2)

Ironworks Plaza

On Monday, July 15th, a ground-breaking ceremony was held in Beutter Park to begin the current phases of the Ironworks Plaza project. The current phases of the project include a Biergarten, restroom, parking, and significant utility work to allow for future construction phases. This is another project being created to provide unique event space along our popular Riverwalk and increasingly vibrant historic downtown. Funding for the six million-dollar investment is coming from the City's Consolidated Tax Increment Financing District along with \$114,000 of Regional Cities funding that was previously approved by the South Bend-Elkhart Regional Development Authority. The project was designed by multiple consultants led by Lawson Fisher Associates Civil Engineers of South Bend. Other design consultants include Arkos Design, Helman Sechrist Architecture, Context Design, and Stantec.

The Ironworks Plaza Biergarten is a unique event and gathering space that will be used for respite and festivities for all ages. During the summer months, as part of the City Concert series and for limited special events, the Biergarten will be limited to those over 21. The center of the building will be a service area for beer and limited concessions. The new multi-use building will have individual occupancy restrooms. The stainless steel, wood, metal, stone and concrete elements of the improvements are intended to tie into both Mishawaka's history and future.

Earlier this year the City awarded Phase I to C & E Excavating for \$3,926,950.00, and Phase II to Ziolkowski Construction for \$1,998,200.00. Both projects will be substantially completed this winter to allow for the spaces to be used starting in the spring of 2020. Phase III of the project, which is programmed to be completed for use in 2023, includes the completion of the plaza, a Café, winter skating area, festival area, event stage, skate rental, kid party room, art sculptures, and summer misting fog cooling area all in an urban garden setting.



Veterans Plaza Construction

You may have noticed the ongoing construction at the east end of Battell Park. In 2015, the City of Mishawaka updated the master plan for Battell Park. The current phase under construction to complete this master plan is Veterans Plaza, which includes relocating and restoring the Soldiers and Sailors Civil War Monument and creating a gathering place with a flag array honoring each

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Be Smart About Sunscreen

Health Information from Saint Joseph Health System

The sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays can damage your skin in as little as 15 minutes. The proper use of sunscreen can help protect you and your family from the health risks of sun overexposure.

"Fifteen minutes before you go outside, even on cloudy or cool days, apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen of at least SPF (sun protection factor) 15 to all exposed skin," recommends Dr. Nathaniel Stewart, primary care provider at River Park Family Medicine in South Bend.

"Broad-spectrum" means it protects against both UVA and UVB rays. UVB causes sunburns, while UVA reaches deeper and causes skin aging. Both increase your risk of skin cancer. SPF refers only to protection against UVB. For broad-spectrum protection, make sure the sunscreen contains 3% avobenzone or at least 15% zinc oxide.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 2 Dodgeball Tourney (Battell Center)
- Aug 3 Neon Glow Swim (Merrifield Pool)
- Aug 9 Dive-In Movie (Merrifield Pool)
- Aug 10 Heritage Festival (Merrifield Park)
- Aug 11 Pooch Plunge (Merrifield Pool)
- Aug 17 Slide the Hill (George Wilson Park)
- Aug 26 Senior's Night Out (Battell Park Bandshell)
- Sep 7 Second Chance Prom (Battell Center)
- Sep 20 ROC UR BODY (Central Park)
- Sep 21 80's Color Run (Central Park)
- Sep 28 Fall Harvestfest (Central Park)
- Sep 28 Movie In The Park (Central Park)

80's Color Run

Saturday
September 21, 2019
12pm in Central Park

Register online at
<http://mishawaka.in.gov/parksandrecreation>
or contact Mishawaka Parks
at (574) 258-1664.

ONLINE ACCESS

- <http://mishawaka.in.gov>
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A Letter from Mayor Dave Wood *(continued)*

branch of the military. The long-term plan, as funding becomes available, is to build a memorial walkway that will be constructed between the monument and WPA rock garden that will honor Mishawaka soldiers' contributions to different wars in our country's history.

We proceeded with the current phase in part because of the feedback we had been receiving on social media regarding that our monument commemorating the Civil War should go. These comments were of course made not understanding that this monument has nothing to do with the controversies associated with the confederate monuments that have been recently removed in other parts of the country. But it did inspire us to make this phase of the project more of a priority in restoring the monument. The monument had been looking tired with the base crumbling and the monument itself starting to show cracking indicative of imminent collapse.

With this in mind, we prioritized the restoration work and decided to move the monument to a new, prominent location in Battell Park at the end of Liberty Drive. The new base of the monument, which is almost complete, has a granite veneer and is slightly larger than the concrete base it is replacing. Around this monument will be a plaza area that can be enjoyed by the public year-round. This is also the place where all of our veterans can meet, as we all do on Memorial Day, and celebrate the things that we should be thankful for. This project began in the spring of 2019 and the Soldiers and Sailors Monument was removed on July 17, 2019. Although most of the plaza will be built by the end of August, the monument restoration company, one of only a few companies in the United States who do this type of restoration work for the National Park Service, has a much longer work time of approximately one year. My plan is to be able to dedicate the newly restored monument and plaza on Memorial Day, 2020.

The landscape of Mishawaka, especially downtown, is ever-changing. Construction and development are all around us, and I will keep you updated on current and future projects as they are started and completed.

Yours in Mishawaka,

Mayor Dave Wood



Be Smart About Sunscreen *(cont'd)*

Health Information from Saint Joseph Health System

A sunscreen labeled SPF 15 means it will take you 15 times as long to get a sunburn as it would without sunscreen. If you have light skin, choose a higher SPF of 30 to 50. Anything higher offers only slightly better protection, and can lead some to think they can spend more time in the sun than is healthy.

Tips to remember:

- Use more than you think you need. It takes at least one ounce of sunscreen (about a shot glass full) to evenly cover the face and body.
- No sunscreen is waterproof. Reapply every two hours and after swimming, sweating or toweling off.
- Sunscreen without an expiration date has a shelf life of no more than three years.
- Sunscreens are not recommended for the sensitive skin of infants. The best protection for infants is to keep them out of the sun entirely.

To learn more, visit ThisCounts.org



August is the time when many schools are back in session.

Remember...

SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!!

Battell Park

Mondays 7:00-8:00 PM

8/5	The Valleyaires
8/12	Jazz Assemblage
8/19	Rain Date
8/26	Harvest Dance Band (6p-9p)

2019 Summer Concert Series

Eberhart Golf Course

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM

8/7	Steve Michaels
8/14	Rain Date

Central Park

Thursdays 6:30-8:30 PM

8/1	Saturday June
8/8	Rain Date

Send your questions, comments, or concerns to communicator_feedback@mishawaka.in.gov